when we pickets arrived at the out-posts Captain Wood said, It is too severe for the men to face this storm all night. There was a small house close by, and the captain directed that we should build: a fire in it and shelter ourselves as best

"We did so, and weary with marching and fulled by the warmth we all fell fast asleep. When the officer of the grand rounds came our way he found a regular Sleepy Hollow.

"Of course we were reported, and in the morning we were summoned to head-quarters. Naturally we were terribly frightened, for sleeping on picket is a

"We were ushered into General Wilson's tent. He sternly repeated the charge. Had we been guilty of sleeping m our posts? We had. It would have been useless to attempt any explanation, but Captain Wood, who was present, anticipated any that we might have at-

'(teneral,' he sand, the blame does not rest upon these men. I am responsi-ble for it all. I gave them orders to take shelter in that house and build a fire there, and I am to blame. They would not have been asleep but for me.' "How long have you been in the serv-ice, sir? asked the general sternly.

'A few months, general.' " I thought so. If you had been here longer you would have come up here full of excuses and ready to shift the blame upon any one at hand. You can Your honesty has saved you."-Lawiston Journal.

One Woman's Life Story.

I am twenty-two years old and have been married four years. My husband was visiting at my home (which was in England) at the time of my birth, therefore was acquainted with me from earliest infancy. As we grew up we were frequently thrown into each other's society, but when he arrived at the age of seventeen and I was twelve we were parted, my husband coming to America. where he staid five years, at the expiration of which time we were to be married: but unfortunately he lost all his money in Liverpool, and on arrival at my home was penniless. Consequently we could not be married. My husband returned to this country to work for another year to earn enough money to pay my passage over, as we were endependent on our own exertions.

At the end of twelve months he again started for England, but had to return again on account of a collision. Finally he arrived in England, where we were married a short time after and sailed for New York. As soon as we landed I was taken very sick, was taken to a hospital and went under a dangerous operation, which cost every cent of money we had in the world. At last I got better, we hired a couple of rooms, my hus-band succeeded in getting work, and although we are very poor we are very happy. I am the proud mother of two children.—Cor. New York Recorder.

Terms for the Electric Force.
About the middle of the last century, through the genius of Franklin, lightning became identified with common or frictional electricity, but the language referring to this great natural force continned to be the same as when men were ignorant of its nature. They spoke, as we still speak, of a thunderstorm, and of thunder and lightning, and thus, as in other cases, mistook, as we continue to do, at least in our mode of speech, the effect for the cause. It is commonly said that the thunder turns to sourness the milk and the beer; that there is thunder in the air, and the singeing of a tree by lightning "was due to the thunder last night," as its owner informed me a few weeks ago. Even Scott, in "The Heart of Midlothian," speaks of "the shattered and thunder splitten peaks of Arran."

men who have been able to divest natural phenomena of the ignorance and superstition that formerly encum bered them, and so to bring them under the dominion of scientific laws which appeal to the good sense of all students of nature.-Notes and Queries.

Keeping Track of Passengers. "How do I remember which passen gers have given up their tickets?" said a Western railroad conductor. "I have no way in particular, but just get used to it. While I may not recognize every one who has paid, I can spot one from whom I have not received a ticket at once. Then if I am in doubt a sharp look usually does the business. Most people would like to have the collector skip them, but they are so impressed with the idea that we know they have not paid that a sharp look acts like a

ledestone to draw out the cash.

"Of course it is possible for a hardened sinner to bluff a collector, but few thy After we have once made a round there is no trouble, for at stations we sland where we have a full view of the train and see exactly what persons go in and out of every car."-Cincinnati Times-Star.

She Didn't Indulge.

They were enjoying a moonlight walk in the park. His was a nature strongly tinged with romance. Her nature leaned decidedly toward the practical side of

life.
"Is this not positively enchanting?" he exclaimed rapturously. "We can now drink to our fill of the beauties that nature has so lavishly bestowed upon this lovely retreat!" "Yes: but, George, I don't drink," re-

plied the young lady prosaically.-New York Herald. Always Dying. Life indeed consists in a series of changes of tissue, and the human economy is simply, as far as its material part

is concerned, a machine, and primarily depends on food as the most important factor in keeping it in working order. When it is said that we commence to die as soon as we are born, it of course means that certain parts of the body immediately begin to perish; their exist ence is ephemeral; they come and go, are replenished and decay. They are the dying parts of that system of life. which may last a little while, but which must eventually yield to the inexorable law of nature. The nails, the hair, etc.. are observable as an instance of this decay. The same rule applies to every other organ and tissue of the body. though it is not palpable to the naked The skin is always peeling. The food that is taken in the one hour nourishes the system, and ejects that which was taken the hour before.-

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